



NEWS RELEASE

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Caltrans Employee Killed in Work Zone

San Jose – A California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4 maintenance worker was killed in a work zone accident on northbound U.S. 101 near Hellyer Avenue in San Jose this afternoon.

Sean Merriman was working as part of a maintenance crew filling potholes in the roadway. All safety precautions were in place including the placement of an attenuator truck to serve as a safety buffer between the crew working and the driving public. A tow truck hit the Caltrans attenuator vehicle at top speed and the ensuing accident ended the life of one of our Caltrans family.

Merriman, 32, of Gilroy, started with Caltrans this past January as maintenance worker in the San Jose yard. He transferred to the South San Jose yard to be closer to home.

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(A news release regarding National Work Zone Awareness Week follows.)

